No. 2008/222

Thursday, 13 November 2008

Journal

of the United Nations

Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Thursday, 13 November 2008

Security Council

Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

11.30 a.m.	Closed meeting	Consultations Room

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3 p.m.	210th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.	48th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	49th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Culture of peace [45]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/262)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/127)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/63/L.23 and A/63/L.24/Rev.1)

Germany

Yemen

Paraguay

Greece

Japan

His Excellency Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America

His Excellency Mr. Asif Ali Zardarim President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Spain

Nicaragua

Brazil

(continued overleaf)

08-59321

Tunisia

China

Canada

Bangladesh

Sudan

Indonesia

Norway

Gambia

Organization of the Islamic Conference

Islamic Republic of Iran

Singapore

San Marino

Mauritania

His Excellency Mr. Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Ethiopia

Republic of Korea

Malaysia

El Salvador

Cuba

Ukraine

Viet Nam

Chile

Italy

Albania

Belgium

Nigeria

Rwanda

Senegal

Ecuador

Belarus

Costa Rica

Croatia

Sri Lanka

United Republic of Tanzania

Russian Federation

Nepal

Azerbaijan

Cameroon

Bolivia

Argentina

Uganda

Portugal

Thailand

Colombia

Côte d'Ivoire

Comoros

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held as follows, in Conference Room 6:

Today, 13 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and

Friday, 14 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). The compilations and Facilitators' proposals are available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office. For further information, including background materials, please consult that site <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

The announcement concerning the Conference and its proposed organization of work appears on page 19.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on a summit in 2010 on the Millennium Development Goals will be held on Friday, 14 November 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 65 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items (a) to (c), chaired by Her Excellency Ms. Sylvie Lucas (Luxembourg), will be held on Monday, 17 November 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

The President of the Republic of Bolivia, His Excellency Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, will address the General Assembly, on Monday, 17 November 2008, at 12.30 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

3.30–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 1

Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 2

Panel discussion on "Post-conflict State capacity: Reconstructing public administration for conflict prevention, recovery and development"

Chair

H.E. Mr. Troy Torrington (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee

Moderator

Ms. Rachel Mayanja, Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Panellists:

Ms. Odette Ramsingh, Director-General, Office of the Public Service Commission, South Africa

Mr. Howard Wolpe, Director, Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Mr. John-Mary Kauzya, Chief, Governance and Public Administration Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

[*Note:* Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6.30 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.]

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 17h meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Human resources management . . . . . [123]

Omnibus (A/63/282 and A/63/132)

Contracts (A/63/298)

Composition (A/63/310, A/63/310/Add.1, A/63/310/Add.2, A/63/310/Add.3, A/62/315, A/62/628, A/62/628/Add.1 and A/C.5/62/L.9)

Disciplinary cases (A/63/202, A/62/186 and A/61/206)

Sexual exploitation and abuse (A/62/890 and A/61/957)

Mobility (A/63/208, A/62/215, A/61/806 and A/61/806/Add.1)

Regulations (A/63/189, A/62/185 and A/61/1029)

Recruitment and staffing (A/63/285 and A/61/822)

Ethics Office (A/63/301 and A/62/285)

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/63/290, A/63/204, A/62/845, A/62/845/Add.1 and A/61/283)

Joint Inspection Unit (A/61/694, A/61/694/Add.1, A/62/707 and A/62/707/Add.1)

Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/63/221)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/7/Add.14, Sects. III-X, and A/63/526)

Views of staff representatives of the United Nations Secretariat (A/C.5/63/3, A/C.5/63/3/Add.1 and A/C.5/63/3/Add.2)

Introduction and general discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (United Nations common system (A/63/30, A/63/360 and A/63/501))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. Revised estimates related to the Rule of Law Unit
3. Revised estimates related to business continuity management

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Thursday, 13 November 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (under agenda item 52 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Belgium)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-770

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on development cooperation with middle-income countries (under agenda item 51) (convened by the delegation of Spain)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on international trade and development (under agenda item 47 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Bangladesh)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (under agenda item 49 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Kenya)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Afghanistan)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International migration and development" (under agenda item 51 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Suriname)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Third Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa" (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Angola)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations.

Thursday, 13 November 2008

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the world financial and economic crisis and its consequences (A/63/L.22*))

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

---

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (on the draft resolution on the report of the Human Rights Council and the right to development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Other activities

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations.

Thursday, 13 November 2008

DPI/NGO briefing on "World Diabetes Day: Providing assistance to children with diabetes"

From 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Relations, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail secgtion1d@un.org).]

Lecture on "Multi-faith scientists in Islamic civilization" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia)

From 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Maryland Nepomuceno, Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia (tel. 1 (212) 557-1525; e-mail maryland@saudi-un-ny.net).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Thursday, 13 November 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

5 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations; and H.E. Prince Saud Al-Faisal, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia (joint press conference on the meeting of the General Assembly on the culture of peace)

Meetings of principal organs

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December

1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held on Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Monday, 17, to Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[*Note*: A briefing on the "Assessment of assessments"– the preparatory stage towards the establishment of a regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects, organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, with presentations by two members of the Group of Experts, will be held on Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 18th meeting on Friday, 14 November 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 18th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "HIV/AIDS and peacekeeping" on Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Department on Peacekeeping Operations will also hold an informal briefing to members of the Special Committee on "Advanced (surveillance) technology project" on Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council

The Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council will hold its 2nd meeting on Monday, 17 November 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Open-ended Working Group (tel. 1(212) 963-4389).

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The international expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will take place from Wednesday, 14, to Friday, 16 January 2009, in Conference Room 5. Member States interested in attending, at expert level, are kindly requested to contact by *Friday, 5 December*, the secretariat of the Permanent Forum (tel. 1 (917) 367-5759; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail pollack@un.org). The documents for the meeting are available at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM_A42.html>.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on the UNICEF accountability system on Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa" (under agenda item 43) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/63/L.8, entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the delegations of the Pacific Small Island Developing States)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution A/63/L.22*, entitled "The world financial and economic crisis and its consequences" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of India, on behalf of the Group of 77)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority (under agenda item 155) (convened by the delegation of the Congo)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference" (under agenda item 114 (r)) (convened by the delegation of Uganda, in its capacity as Chair of the OIC Group)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (under agenda item 49 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Kenya)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Afghanistan)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Barbados)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation" (under agenda item 52 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in conference Room B;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Industrial development cooperation" (under agenda item 53) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (under agenda item 52 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Belgium)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room S-770;

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room S-770; and

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room S-770.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the international cooperation to reduce the impact of El Niño phenomenon (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on information and communication technologies for development (under agenda item 46) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards a new international economic order" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Guyana)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations of the draft resolution on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (under agenda item 62 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and Slovenia)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions" (under agenda item 67 (b)) (convened by the delegations of Sweden)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1;

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1;

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1; and

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1.

Other forthcoming meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations.

United Nations Development Programme (meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Reports 2008 and 2009*) (open to all interested delegations)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday and Wednesday, 18 and 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail falls@un.org).]

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Seventh Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 20, and Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

[Members of Permanent Missions and United Nations staff are invited to attend. For information, please contact Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179; e-mail migrationp@un.org).]

Group of Eastern European States (at the expert level)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Forthcoming other activities

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations.

Panel discussion on "Access to essential medicines for children with diabetes in the developing world" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh and sponsored by the International Diabetes Federation, on the occasion of World Diabetes Day)

Friday, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Abdul Alim, Permanent Mission of Bangladesh (tel. 1 (212) 867-3434, ext. 210 or 218; fax 1 (212) 972-4038; e-mail alim@un.int).]

Briefing on "United States policy responses to the financial crisis and the outcomes of the 15 November Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy" (organized by the United States Mission and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All Permanent Representatives or their delegates are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Lisa Kalajian, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4075; e-mail kalajianl@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on financing development for the least developed countries (organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS))

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the *Economic and Social Council Chamber*.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jennifer Borchers, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-4284; or e-mail borchers@un.org).]

Forum on "Achieving our targets: Stemming the tide of malaria in Africa" (organized by the United States Mission)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "Progress in implementing One United Nations reform: Political challenges, parliamentary perspectives" (organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. The full program is available at <www.ipu.org/splz-e/unga08/191108.pdf>. For further information, contact Mr. Alessandro Motter or Ms. Marina Garde, Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

Panel discussion on "Choosing our future: Investing in people or spending on weapons?" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Villalobos, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (tel. 1 (212) 986-6373, ext. 16; e-mail villalobos.anacr@gmail.com).]

2008 Parliamentary Hearing on "Towards effective peacekeeping and the prevention of conflict — Delivering on our commitments" (jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Office of the President of the General Assembly)

Thursday, 20, and Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. The full program is available at <www.ipu.org/splz-e/unga08.htm>. For further information, contact Mr. Alessandro Motter or Ms. Marina Garde, Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

Fifth meeting of the "Friends of Human Security" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Japan and Mexico, in cooperation with the Human Security Unit, Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carly Cohen, Permanent Mission of Japan (tel. 1 (212) 521-1571; e-mail carly-cohen@un-japan.org).]

Panel discussion on "The irreversible trend of living in an urbanized world: Health matters" (organized by the World Health Organization and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Olga Bailey, WHO Office at the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-4388; e-mail baileyo@un.org).]

Briefing by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on the work of the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Allison Torbet, UNODC New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5698; e-mail torbet@un.org).]

Meetings away from Headquarters

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008

The Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held from Saturday, 29 November, to Tuesday, 2 December 2008, at the Convention Centre, annexed to the Sheraton Doha Resort and Convention Hotel.

Plenary meetings

The Conference will include eight plenary meetings. The plenary meetings will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and from Sunday, 30 November, to Tuesday, 2 December, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m. All plenary meetings will be held at the Al Dafna Hall.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings is open. Inscriptions shall be on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be rearranged in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings *should be limited to 5 minutes*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2994B; tel. 1 (212) 963-2333; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

Round tables

The Conference will include six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the six major thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus. The round tables will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 1); Sunday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 2) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 3); Monday, 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 4) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 5); and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 6). All the round tables will be held at the Al Majlis Auditorium.

Each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all Member States; 21 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations; 7 representatives of accredited civil society organizations; and 7 representatives of accredited business sector entities. Each representative may be accompanied by one adviser. No list of speakers will be established. The inscription of non-State entities for participation in the round tables is *now open* until Monday, 17 November, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Non-state entities wishing to participate in the round tables are kindly requested to inscribe with the Financing for Development Office (room DC2-2146; tel. 1 (212) 963-4755; fax 1 (212) 963-0443; or e-mail buencamino@un.org).

Credentials of representatives

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives, in accordance with Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-1107; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430).

Composition of delegations

The delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Community shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternative representatives and advisers as may be required. Delegations are kindly requested to submit comprehensive lists of delegations to the Protocol and Liaison Service in New York (room S-201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921), until Monday, 17 November 2008. As of Monday, 24 November 2008, delegation lists, accreditation forms and all other conference-related materials should be submitted for processing to the United Nations Accreditation Centre in Doha.

The note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the Conference (A/63/345) outlines provisional rules of procedure, provisional agenda and proposed timetable of meetings.

Further information, including the list of side events, can be consulted from the Financing for Development Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd/doha>.

Announcements

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* until Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625 (DC2 Building).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 12 November 2008

Security Council

6015th meeting

Briefings by Chairmen of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Cuba, Israel, Japan, Switzerland and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a joint statement by H.E. Mr. Jorge Urbina, on behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004).

The Council heard briefings by H.E. Mr. Jorge Urbina, Chairman of the 1540 Committee; Mr. Jan Grauls, Chairman of the 1267 Committee; and by H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica, Chairman of the 1373 Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, France (speaking on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Italy, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, China, Burkina Faso, Viet Nam, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Panama, Indonesia and South Africa.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Australia, Switzerland (speaking on behalf of Liechtenstein and Switzerland), Japan, Cuba, Israel and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The representative of the United States made a further statement.

The representative of Cuba made a further statement.

The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a further statement.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

46th plenary meeting

Culture of peace . . . . . [45]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/262)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/127)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/63/L.23 and A/63/L.24/Rev.1)

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Address by The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia addressed the General Assembly.

Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines

H.E. Mrs. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait

His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Shimon Peres, President of the State of Israel

H.E. Mr. Shimon Peres, President of the State of Israel, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein, Head of State of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein, Head of State of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by Her Excellency Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland

H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Michel Sleiman, President of the Lebanese Republic

H.E. Mr. Michel Sleiman, President of the Lebanese Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Hamid Karzai, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

H.E. Mr. Hamid Karzai, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, addressed the General Assembly.

Statements were made by H.E. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al-Thani, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, and H.E. Mr. Abbas El Fassi, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Morocco.

His Eminence Jean-Louis Tauran, President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue of the Observer State of the Holy See, made a statement.

47th plenary meeting

Culture of peace . . . . . [45]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/262)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/127)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/63/L.23 and A/63/L.24/Rev.1)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 45.

Statements were made by His Eminence Dr. Mohamed Sayed Tantawi, The Grand Imam of Al-Azhar of Egypt, H.E. Mr. Alain Juppé, former Prime Minister and Special Envoy of the President of the French Republic (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), and H.E. Mr. Dileita Mohamed Dileita, Prime Minister of the Republic of Djibouti.

H.E. Mr. Salam Fayyad, Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority, made a statement.

Statements were made by H.E. Ms. Elizabeta Kancevska-Milevska, Minister of Culture of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, H.E. Mr. E. Ahamed, Minister of State for External Affairs of India, H.E. Mr. Carlos Morales Troncoso, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, H.E. Ms. Carina Christensen, Minister of Culture of Denmark, and Mr. Kerry O'Brien, Senator and Member of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade of Australia, as well as by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Guatemala, Switzerland, Denmark and the Netherlands.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 8 December 2005

Accession: Guatemala (11 November 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Mauritius
H.E. Mr. Somduth Soborun

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khazaee

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Heraldo Muñoz

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Hjálmar Hannesson

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 12 November 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
A/AC.109/2008/SR.12	Meeting held on 3 September 2008, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/346	Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the

	General Assembly and/or the Security Council — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/381	Item 81 — Reduction of military budgets — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/383	Item 83 — Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/385	Item 85 — Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/387	Item 87 — Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/391	Item 91 — Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/394	Item 94 — Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/522–S/2008/691	Item 83 — Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe — Letter dated 6 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/523	Item 8 — General debate — Letter dated 5 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/63/526	Item 123 — Human resources management — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.17/Add.1	Item 17 — The situation in Afghanistan — Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Yemen: draft resolution — Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kuwait, Madagascar, Mauritania, Palau, Paraguay, Qatar, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Togo and United Arab Emirates [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.21*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.22*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.24*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.24/Rev.1	Item 45 — Culture of peace — Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Eritrea, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Guatemala,

	Guinea, Haiti, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu and Yemen: revised draft resolution — Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace [A C E F R S]
	First Committee
A/C.1/63/INF/3	Situation reports of the First Committee on agenda items 81 to 96 — Note by the Secretariat [E (only)]
	Second Committee
A/C.2/63/6	Item 49 — Sustainable development — Letter dated 30 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/63/7	Item 54 — Operational activities for development — Letter dated 5 November 2008 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairperson of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
	Third Committee
A/C.3/63/L.9/Rev.1	Item 97 — Crime prevention and criminal justice — Belarus, Ecuador, Philippines, Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan: revised draft resolution — Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/63/L.13/Rev.1	Item 56 (a) — Advancement of women: advancement of women — Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mongolia, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines and Senegal: revised draft resolution — Trafficking in women and girls [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/63/L.46*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/63/L.61	Items 118 and 64 (b) — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Rights of the child — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.46 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
	Sixth Committee
A/C.6/63/L.15*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/C.6/63/L.21	Item 75 — Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session — Draft resolution — The law of transboundary aquifers [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2008/252	South Africa: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/63/522–S/2008/691	Letter dated 6 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1809 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 5868th meeting, on 16 April 2008 [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

CEDAW/C/DEN/7	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Seventh periodic report of States parties — Denmark [A C E F R S]

Communications to the Editor

Material for inclusion in the *Journal* may be sent to Ms. Sylvie Deschênes (e-mail journal@un.org (cc: deschenes@un.org); fax 1 (212) 963-4790; room S-2370; tel. 1 (212) 963-6776 and 963-3888).

Office opens at 3 p.m.

Published at Headquarters, New York, by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management.